design for the MEA HQ from the entries received from leading architects of India some six years ago; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The design entries submitted in the competition did not meet the requirements of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Mumbai as a global financial hub

2309. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has drawn up an ambitious Rs. 2.25 lakh crores action plan for the makeover of Mumbai, aimed to convert India's commercial capital into a global financial hub;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Maharashtra is serious on transforming Mumbai into a global financial centre and the plan is aimed at transforming the Mumbai metropolitan region into a modern urban centre;

(c) whether the World Bank has made certain suggestions in this regard and are keen to provide assistance;

(d) whether the project would be completed by 2020; and

(e) by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) As informed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), the Govt. of Maharashtra undertook preparation of a Business Plan for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) as a part of the Mumbai Transformation Project. The Vision Statement of the Business Plan is to "Transform MMR into a world class Metropolis with a vibrant economy and globally comparable quality of life for all its citizen". The total capital investment reqirements identified for a period upto 2011 are Rs. 2.94 lakh crore. The World Bank officials were consulted while preparing the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the Business Plan. The Business Plan identifies only sector-wise capital investment requirements upto the year 2021, which needs to be converted into projects before implementation.

Construction of houses by DDA under JNNURM

†2310. MS SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether DDA has fixed a target to construct more than 42 thousands houses under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for the people belonging to Economically Weaker Sections;

(b) if so, the number of houses to be constructed every year and by when their construction would be completed alongwith the total expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) the basis on which these houses would be allotted and whether the persons belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections in Delhi have been identified;

(d) if not, by when the work related to their identification would be completed; and

(e) whether it would also be ensured that the allottees could not sell these houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that no such target has ben fixed. However, it proposes to construct 29,200 houses under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in five years @ 6,000 EWS houses every year at a total cost of approximately Rs. 900 crore. Approval of the Government for construction of 4740 EWS houses under JNNURM has been received. For remaining EWS houses, separate Detailed Project Reports are to be submitted for seeking financial assistance under JNNURM.

(c) to (e) the EWS houses, so constructed, are to be utilised mainly for relocating slum dwellers, who are yet to be identified. The policy for allotment of these houses has not yet been finalised.

Implementation of schemes by NGOs

2311. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs are involved in implementation of schemes under his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether any NGO has been involved in misuse of funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. However, NGOs and educational institution etc. shall support the community/implementing agency in project formulation and preparation of proposals under Community Participation Fund (CPF) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and are not eligible for accessing Government Funds.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Postings and tenures of AEs and EEs in DDA

2312. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the places of postings, pay scales, total emoluments at the beginning and end in the respective pay scales and the duty hours of Assistant Engineers (AEs) and Executive Engineers (EEs) currently working in DDA;